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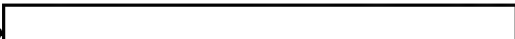


Thoughts on Cost Effectiveness Task Force

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USIB-D-41.14/211 (COMOR-D-69/18) dated 9 December 1964.

Para 2 of the covering memo asks COMOR, with the assistance of NRO, for an analysis and report to USIB on the anticipated intelligence gains in relation to costs which might be derived from the recommendations or alternative means submitted by the Director/NRO to meet intelligence requirements and COMOR recommendations for appropriate USIB action.

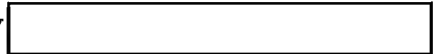
This statement could be identified as the initial step to inject cost effectiveness into  NRO 25X1

USIB-D-41.14/253 (COMOR-D-69/35), 14 May 1965

At the Board discussion ^{which initiated} of this paper -- in paragraph 4 -- Adm. Taylor pointed out that cost effectiveness does not refer alone to the dollar cost of the system but to the intelligence value of the product as well.

Para 6 of the same paper asks that a new cost effectiveness study  NRO 25X1
as quickly as practicable considerations permit, be prepared for the Board by COMOR.

COMOR-D-69/62, 19 January 1967

This paper contains methodology whereby  NRO 25X1
capabilities can be evaluated one against the other on their ability

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to collect intelligence within selected technical parameters. The paper can best be described as one that provides systems analysis. It does not in fact truly meet the charge of the Board; it does not place an evaluation on the intelligence collected nor does it provide detailed analysis of the processing procedures nor does it ask COMOR to evaluate the systems. Instead, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and develop alternative programs for USIB consideration.

It must be understood that the report of the CETF is the result of over two years of effort and that the report is the best that the Board can expect in which there ^{could} will be ~~total~~ agreement by members of the intelligence community on accepted content. Problems associated with the preparation of this report are deep seated and clearly demonstrate the unmanagable situation that exists [REDACTED] collection and processing areas, and until responsible men are able to gather ~~MEM~~ and elevate the intellectual plane above that of ^{practical} their parochial interests the Board cannot expect to receive a true Cost Effectiveness Report.

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